

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held October 28, 2003

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AGENDA City Report, Greg Hill, Groundworks, Tour de Somerville, Education Subcommittee, Announcements

ATTENDEES Jim Gallagher, Jenifer Kaminsky, Asher Miller, Ron Newman
Greg Palmer, Turil Cronburg, Bhupesh Patel, Domenic Siraco
Greg Hill – Ped Group, Jennifer Hill – Groundworks Somerville

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1. **Minutes approved** – August and September approved with Vice chair presiding
2. **City Report** -
 - MBTA has advertised the Transportation alternative study for Green line corridor.
 - Community Path site tour was completed with Vollmer.
 - Beacon Street construction is on going. Contact Bill Dwyer, DPW Cambridge, @617.349.4800
 - Brain Harris, of OHCD, has completed the safe routes to school maps for the pilot schools.
3. **Pedestrian Group** – Greg Hill
 - Central Business districts tally needs to be clear. Are MAGoun square and other small squares excluded.
 - SBC recommends more squares to be included in the CBD list as per amendments to the traffic regs.
 - Stenciling was recommended as an addition to “no bikes on sidewalks” signs in CBD’s.
 - Would like to produce brochure and short video. Greg will provide text and script
 - Turil suggests inclusion of broader subject matter for video and will contribute in that regard.
4. **Groundworks Somerville** – Jennifer Hill
 - Shape up Somerville will hire a policy writing person.
 - SBC recommends the scope of ped/bike access be perceived as more than just the Community Path
 - i. Include street access via “cross town routes”
 - ii. Include River access via the mystic waterfront and the three bridge crossings
 - iii. Include the network of recreational paths via the first phase being the Community Path
5. **Somerville Avenue** – Turil Cronburg
 - There is a 4’-11” (1.5m) bike lane that fluctuates in tight areas down to 4’-1”(1.25m)
 - Committee reserves original opinion of bike lane respect the door zone as per prior illustrated model.
6. **Mayor’s Farewell Recognition** – committee will devise a letter and an award
7. **Tour de Somerville** –
 - 60 people were present and all signed a waiver .
 - Kensington crossing arose as an issue that Stop and Shop project could contribute towards.
8. **Education Subcommittee**
 - Turil would like to start a Bicycle Awareness poster contest in the schools
 - MAPS could translate brochures into Spanish and Portuguese
 - Turil will submit a clip art album of photos to the Somerville Journal.
9. **Announcements**
 - Assembly Square invitation to improve sidewalks was noted as needing to be investigated.
 - Bicycle Utopian Survey illustrated Safety as the #1 issue and separate facilities as #6.
 - SBC will provide a priority list to the new administration
 - Next meeting will be Nov 18th at the Family Center
10. **Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm**